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WORSHIP OVERVIEW FOR MAY

May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter Communion served

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter The Rev. Larry Farris

May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
John 14:15-21; Acts 17:22-31

May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
John 17:1-8, 17-21; Acts 1:1-11



*Grounded in living faith,
receiving diversity as a gift,
we seek to reflect Christ's light
in God's world.*

*Continually discerning God's
vision of grace and peace,
we share inspirational worship,
spiritual nurture, compassionate
service to others, and the pursuit
of justice—all to the glory of God.*

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

As this *Presbyter* goes to print, Session is considering changing the time of Sunday worship for this summer, beginning June 11. Session will decide on April 26. Some meeting notices and the June calendar in this newsletter may be affected by the decision. We will publicize the decision immediately - change or no change. Please watch for more information!

ALTERNATE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Friends in Christ,

You may be wondering how our vision to enable alternate worship opportunities is progressing, and what a likely timetable may be. For several months, a small group of us has been meeting at 5:00 on Saturday afternoons to plan, test, sing, make mistakes, get it wrong, and generally test-drive this idea of bringing alternate worship opportunities to our congregation. There have been times of joyful worship, but also most definitely times of "well, THAT really didn't work out the way we thought it would".

All of this is in expectation of bringing well planned and executed weekly alternate worship services to the congregation sometime in the middle of this year. We will continue to work through the planning and logistics, and in the meantime, we ask for your prayers and support on our journey.

Yours in Christ,
Richard Coryell, Elder

WORSHIP OVERVIEW FOR JUNE

June 4

Day of Pentecost Communion served

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:4-13

June 11

Trinity Sunday

The Rev. Kathleen Robertson King

June 18

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 9:35-10:16

June 25

Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Seth Weeldreyer
Genesis 22:1-14
Matthew 10:24-39

CELEBRATE ROB! May 21

Please join us Sunday afternoon, May 21, to celebrate Rob Bradford and the nine years of ministry and leadership he has provided for the youth and congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

We will meet at Parkview Hills Clubhouse (3707 Greenleaf Circle) from 5-7:00. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Beverages and paper products will be provided. Please bring yourself, your families, a dish to pass (and a card), and join in this Celebration of Gratitude and Joy!!

Contact Pat Stromsta if you need additional information.

As we move through this Easter season toward Pentecost, our liturgical cycle of worship turns our attention to spreading good news in the world. We are the body of the risen Christ, engaging our community with God's love! I am excited about good news within our congregation—new possibilities for life emerging among us. And I'm excited about new developments in the community where we live and serve.

In the weeks ahead, we will confirm youth and welcome adults as new members. We will celebrate baptisms and Christian Education throughout the past year. Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee process has gone very well, in a very good spirit, with what we hope will soon be exciting fruits of their labor. And in so many other ways, we witness caring relationships, creative energy, stimulating conversations, inspiring worship, and compassionate service. We are living faithfully through a vibrant blend of cherished experiences and new priorities of our Renewed Vision for Ministry and Mission.

In the months ahead we will see major new development in downtown Kalamazoo. You may have heard about work beginning on the fifteen-story Exchange Building just across the park from our church at the corner of West Michigan and Rose (between the Comerica Building and the Radisson). Plans are moving quickly for major mixed-use development in the Arcadia Commons West area just a few blocks north of our church, including collaboration among many government, educational, non-profit, and private organizations. I am also aware of two other major new development projects very near us in other directions. These considerable changes will bring much new residential and commercial vibrancy to our neighborhood.

Right on Bronson Park (along with plans for the park itself), there are also developments with other existing church properties. A new congregation will be leasing the old Christian Science building that is now owned by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. I hope to get to know them much better soon. First Congregational Church is discerning plans for the old First Reformed / River property, which they purchased, immediately across Bronson Park from us. And in the First Baptist Church, many new start-up and non-profit organizations are finding a home. They are moving very quickly on inquiries and plans for artistic and service organizations to complement the hydroponic gardening already growing inside. Of course, little ever goes exactly according to plan. Still, I celebrate what seem to be creative and effective initiatives to cultivate life in our community!

So what do these developments mean for our congregation's life and witness? How will we engage people through all of this new activity? Of course, our downtown neighborhood already teems with life and vitality day and night throughout the week, including people across the vast kaleidoscopic spectrum of life experience. How can we leverage our location for ministry and mission? How can we share in the nurture of abundant life, all in God's grace? How can we offer good news of God's love in Christ for anyone with a longing heart? I have far more excitement and questions than any particular plans. May we all consider the opportunity and purpose to which God calls us in our community. What do you see? What do you dream for our congregation? Let's continue the conversation!

Grateful to the Holy Source of All Life ever making all things new,
grace and peace to you,

The Reverend Dr. Seth E. Weeldreyer, Pastor

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February, 2017

The following motions were made and adopted:

- to approve financial appeals for the following:
 1. the Communications Committee to sell First Presbyterian Church Commemorative T-shirts that feature the church logo on the front and a "word cloud" of FPC missions and programs on the back
 2. the Congregational Life Committee to collect donations for One Great Hour of Sharing at the Chili Cook-off
 3. the Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice to sell bottles of Palestinian Olive Oil for the benefit of the Palestinian olive grove farmers.
- to approve the revisions to the Designated Operating Account Expenditure Non-Endowed Designated/Reserved Funds as presented.
- to approve a revised version of the Congregational Life Mission Statement: as follows:

"The Congregational Life Committee is committed to making First Presbyterian Church a warm and welcoming church home for all people. We focus on welcoming visitors and new members, as well as promoting and creating opportunities for fellowship within the congregation. We strive to create and implement events that are meaningful and enjoyable for people of all ages, to help them build relationships and become involved in the life of the church."
- to approve the Building Use Request Application from the Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice for March 19, 2017.
- to approve \$1,489.96 from the Capital Fund for the door phones.
- to approve spending up to \$1,500 for the 2017 McShane Colloquium from the endowed fund that exists for that purpose.
- to approve the update of the Christian Education Committee's Purpose Statement as presented.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC!!

Our All-Church Picnic is planned for Sunday, June 4, immediately following Worship! We will be going back to our picnic roots with hamburgers and hot dogs in the park!



Please bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert to share. Also, seating is limited, so please bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you are able. We can't wait to see you there!!

SESSION—2017

Clerk of Session: Allison Hammond

Sam Beals (2018)

*Property Maintenance
Congregational Life

Sam Clark (2017)

Endowment, Outreach

Richard Coryell (2019)

Congregational Life
Worship and Music

Stuart Deming (2018)

Communications, Stewardship,
Health Ministry

Diane Durian (2019)

Personnel, Property Maintenance

Pat Farris (2017)

*Health Ministry, Worship and Music

Diane Heckler (2017)

Health Ministry, Congregational Life

Tim Henson (2019)

Christian Education, Outreach,
Worship and Music

Elaine Johns (2018)

*Worship and Music, Communications

Sue Johnson (2018)

*Christian Education

Barbara Liggett (2017)

*Personnel, *Nominating

Don Meldrum (2019)

*Finance

Brian Nederveld (2018)

*Congregational Life

Kelsey Oliver (2019)

*Congregational Life, Health Ministry,
and Christian Education

Janet Todd (2017)

Christian Education
Congregational Life

Laurie Tupper (2019)

*Outreach, Property Maintenance

Jim Van Buren (2017)

*Stewardship, *Communications,
Finance, and Outreach,

Rob Wall-Emerson (2019)

Finance, Property Maintenance

Phil Ward (2017)

Property Maintenance

Jonathan Willoughby (2018)

*Endowment, Finance, Stewardship

Pamela Zandt (2018)

Finance, Personnel

(parentheses indicate class year)

* Committee chair or co-chair

CHURCH REPORTS

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Deacon Moderator

Nancy Johnson

Class of 2017

Bob Candido

Kathy Cooney

Lisa and John Diamond

Nancy Klesert

Nancy Maleitzke

Sue Potts

Joseph Sablan

Colleen and Mike Sherrill

Class of 2018

Dorothy Castor

Karen Cooper

Dan Dowswell

Nancy and Keith Johnson

Karen Nellums

Carolyn Neubauer

Donna Schonveld

Class of 2019

Tim Aldrich

Cynthia Feucht

Anna Hamel

Karen Hassler

Judy Johnson

Wendy King

Louise McCallum

Jackie Stults

Please note:

If you have moved, or changed any contact information, please inform Ann Johnson in the church office, at ann.johnson@kalamazooofirstpres.org or call 344-0119, so she can keep your contact information up to date.

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Please check out the new picture board of Deacons in the Gathering Place across from the Barista. There have been some changes and some of you have a new Deacon. We have included lists for each Deacon. If you cannot find your name on a list and have not been contacted by a Deacon, please contact Ann Johnson in the church office or Nancy Johnson, Deacon Moderator.

Thank you for your continued support of the Barista. We will be selling Fair Trade coffee.

Remember to put your loose change in the offering plate each Sunday. It is our main source of funding to help our fellow members when they are in need. We also appreciate your "noisy coins"! Thank you!



A WORD FROM THE PARISH ASSOCIATES (from Larry Farris)

The congregation's four Parish Associates – Kathleen Robertson King, Liz Hakken Candido, Larry Boutelle, and Larry Farris – continue to help out in various areas of the congregation's life during this time of pastoral transition. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know the congregation better and to have become somewhat better known ourselves through our activities, especially through leadership in worship.

We like to think we're getting the hang of what we're supposed to be doing! But, as with so many seasons of life, just about the time we're getting somewhat settled into routines, the season comes to an end, as it soon will with the arrival of a new Associate Pastor. With the rest of the congregation, we eagerly anticipate welcoming the new staff member with the gifts and vision s/he will bring to our ministry and mission as God's people in this place. But the four of us will still be around, perhaps a bit more in the background (with the exception of Kathleen, who will continue her splendid work with the Deacons), but as always with gratitude to be part of the life and work of this congregation.

Thank you for your responsiveness to and support of our work these last months.

WHAT IS THE PENTECOST OFFERING?

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is intended to help young people begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children, and developing youth and young adult leaders. Congregations keep 40% of funds from this offering to support the local youth-focused programs.

60% of the funds donated will be remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth programs, in addition to education and advocacy for children at risk through the “Educate a Child: Transform the World” national initiative.

This offering will be collected from the end of May through June 4. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.



UPDATE ON “OUR” REFUGEE FAMILY

The Syrian family co-sponsored by our church is rapidly integrating. The family spent Easter Sunday at Paul and Donna Schonveld’s home, where they rode bikes, painted eggs, and hunted for the many candy-filled eggs that Paul had hidden.

The father and the adult daughter are now employed - the father in a sewing factory and the daughter in a childcare center. They are very pleased with their positions. Transportation to work is not consistent, but we hope that they will eventually have driver’s licenses and their own transportation.

The two 8-year-old children have joined the refugee orchestra that was formed this year. They are very enthusiastically following the Suzuki method and plucking and chanting “D, D, D, rest!”

Members of our team continue to assist with transportation, medical and dental care, education, government services, and banking. We are planning a celebratory potluck to mark the Zamel family’s first half-year in Kalamazoo. You will hear more about this very soon!

McSHANE COLLOQUIUM RECORDING

A video of the McShane Colloquium has been posted on the FPC YouTube site. “Thank you” to Elaine Johns for volunteering to record the presentation. Go to: <https://youtu.be/dQZB87vUHik>



PRAYER PARTNERS

This group meets monthly to pray for our own church, the Church universal, and one another. We base our prayers and discussion on a variety of books and resources. This year we are reading the book, *Prayer 101*, by Warren Wiersbe.

For more information about this group, please see the list of Prayer Partners posted outside Pat Stromsta’s office (Room 206). You are invited to ask any of these members about their experience with the group, and any other questions that you may have.



LECTIONARY STUDY Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to join other church members in the weekly lectionary study that precedes Worship. During this time, we observe and discuss basic facts about the Scripture that will be used in the day’s worship service. Together we attempt to interpret the meaning of the passages and to discover implications of the text for growing in Christ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MAY

May 7

Confirmation Sunday

May 14

Mother's Day

May 21

Graduation Sunday

Celebrate Rob!

Reception in the Gathering Place
following Worship.

Open House at Parkview Hills
Clubhouse from 5:00 – 7:00

May 28

Memorial Day Weekend
Church School WILL meet.

JUNE

June 4

Children's Sunday
Annual All-Church Picnic

June 11

No Church School until July 9

June 26 – 30

Downtown Vacation Bible School
at First Congregational Church

JULY

July 9

Summer Church School begins.



For Church School information,
contact Pat Stromsta at
pat.stromsta@kalamazoofirstpres.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-30

Bronson Park Churches will host "God's Garden, God's City", a Christian Day-Camp for our community which will include Bible, Art, Prayer, Song, Action, Justice, and Peacemaking. The dates for this Christian Day-Camp are June 26 – 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Children ages 4–12 are invited to participate. We will meet at First Congregational Church at 345 W. Michigan Avenue.

Volunteers (High School and Adult) are needed to be crew leaders and registration assistants. Middle School students are invited to serve as Song Leaders with Pat Stromsta.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Rob Bradford if you have any questions about the FPC Youth Ministry. (269) 806-5196 or bradfordrr@gmail.com

MISSION AND MOVIES:

Local Urban Mission Trip Experience—June 19-22

Students in middle and high school are invited to spend four days exploring local, urban poverty. Through our volunteering at the Gospel Mission, Ministry with Community, Kalamazoo Deacons Conference, and Loaves & Fishes, we will learn about resources that are available to the marginalized of our community. After lunch we will view movies that deal with systemic poverty and God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves. On Wednesday afternoon, the students will prepare and serve dinner for FPC's Celebrate the Vision guests.

This Mission Trip/Experience is limited to 12 students. The cost is \$50.00 for the week (scholarships are available). We will meet: 9:00–3:00 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) 9:00–6:00 (Wednesday).

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Patricia Stromsta, Director of Christian Education, who will plan and facilitate this experience.

ACTIVITIES

NEWS ABOUT PRESBYTERIANS AND OUR COMMITMENT TO EARTH CARE

Our own First Presbyterian Church passed all tests for renewal of our status as a Presbyterian Earth Care Congregation in 2017 by continuing and increasing our commitment to care of God's earth and its people in the areas of worship, Christian Education for children and adults, facilities management, and outreach. And Session at their March meeting voted, on the recommendation of the Christian Education and Green P's Committees, to approve membership of our congregation in Michigan Interfaith Power and Light. This organization is a state-wide coalition of religious congregations which provides its members with information about energy saving and environmental care techniques and opportunities to profit from the experiences of other member congregations.

And from the Presbyterian Board of Pensions (PCUSA) came word on March 23 that they had opted to further commit \$100 million of their assets to environmental markets, through the Ampax Asset Management Group, a London-based investment manager specializing in resource efficiency and environmental markets.

TIPS FROM GREEN PETE



May and June are the months for those of us who love to work in our gardens to restore what we love and try new some new environmentally friendly ideas. If being more inviting to pollinators like bees and butterflies is a goal for you, check out "Michigan State Extension Pollinator-Friendly Gardens" using your computer's search engine.

Choosing the right plants is essential. Organic, pesticide-free pollinator-friendly plants can be purchased at the Food Co-op annual plant sale on Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 to 4:00, at 507 Harrison Street, Kalamazoo.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center (KDCCC) is the only free drop-in child care center for income-eligible families in Southwest Michigan. They are located at the First Congregational Church, care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old, and are open Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are in need of quality volunteers to assist the teachers in supervising and caring for the children. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Walters, at (269) 382-3640 or www.kdccc.org.

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes (KLF) hosts "Second Saturday" each month at their warehouse at 901 Portage Street. This event takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and needs volunteers to help with everything from re-packaging bulk foods to assembling Weekend Food Packs for local elementary school students. Tasks vary every month. If interested, contact KLF Volunteer Coordinator Cherise Buchanan, at (269) 488-2617, ext. 209, or Cherise@kzoolf.org. Other volunteer opportunities are also available.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

HEALTH MINISTRY CLASS

May 7

Join the Health Ministry Committee on Sunday, May 7, after church, for a class titled "Social Media: what it is, how to use it, and how to stay connected without getting freaked out!". (Room 314-315)



LOST SCOUTS

Scout Troop 205 will soon celebrate its 100 years of being sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo. We are working on updating our records of past members of the Troop. If any church members can supply either email or regular current addresses, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact past Scoutmaster Dave Dunfield with the names of any Scouts you may have in your address book. Contact him at ddunfie@gmail.com or (269) 324-1579. Another address is: troop205anniversary@gmail.com.

HEARTS-TO-HANDS STITCHERS

May 1 (Monday), 1:00 p.m.

Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers will meet on Monday, May 1, at 1:00 in the Sewing Room. We will sew summer pajamas for women at the YWCA Domestic Assault Center. All who enjoy sewing are invited to participate.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

First Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

YOU are invited to lunch this spring with the Out-to-Lunch Bunch, at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Reservations are needed; make them through the church by the Thursday morning of luncheon week.

May 5

FOUR ROSES - 663 10th Street (Gunplain Twp.) Plainwell

June 2

SHAKESPEARE'S PUB - 241 E. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo

July 7

120 BISTRO - 120 E. Michigan, Paw Paw

MARTHA CIRCLE

May 10 (Wednesday), 5:00 p.m.

Martha Circle will close the program year with a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the home of Carol Parfitt, at 16341 Prairie Brook Drive, south of Schoolcraft. All women are welcome to bring a dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be provided. For more information contact Carol Parfitt at 679-3073.

MONTHLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

May 10 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m.

June 14 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m.

A group for men of all ages meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the home of Jeff Ross, 4824 South First Street. It is a great time of fellowship and conversation about faith as we grow together in God's Spirit, seeking the fullness of peace, joy, and love. All men are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Ross or Seth Weeldreyer.

READING ALOUD

Sunday mornings

The Reading Aloud class meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 300. On April 23 they started a new book, *Bread of Angels*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. It is a collection of homilies shared with members of a church in North Georgia, a church comprised of members, like all churches, who "... have the usual hopes and fears. They want to know God. They are afraid to know God. They try to live right. They get in fights. They make up. They pray together. They are the church."

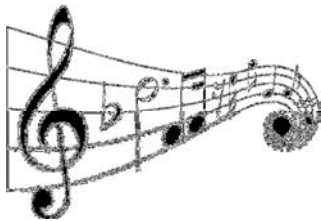
THOUGHTFUL READERS BOOK GROUP

May 22 (Monday), 7:00 p.m.

Everyone in the congregation is cordially invited to attend a book discussion facilitated by Seth Weeldreyer on the international best-seller, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The group will meet on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300. It will be the final meeting of Thoughtful Readers before September.

Meet Ove: a grumpy, yet loveable old man who finds his solitary world slipping away when a young family moves in next door. Behind Ove's cranky exterior, there is a story of love and heartbreak. A comical and heart-warming tale, Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. Join us as we reflect on the life lessons to be gleaned from *A Man Called Ove*.

If you would like to have more information, call Kathy Campbell at (517) 803-0481.



SUMMER CHOIR begins June 11

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 11, and will meet every Sunday through Labor Day weekend. Rehearsals are held one hour before the worship service, and anyone interested (middle school through adult) is invited to attend as your schedule allows. Give it a try!

Please contact Cindy Hunter with any questions:
cindy.hunter@kalamazoofirstpres.org, or (269) 377-2478.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AT FPC

KSO BRASS QUINTET

May 9

On Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00, the Worship and Music Committee will host the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet in a classical music concert, featuring work by Malcolm Arnold and Eric Ewazen. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you to this free concert in our beautiful Sanctuary. The concert will last for about an hour, followed by a reception where you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the musicians. All are welcome!



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COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT MEET AT FPC

AA

Mondays and Thursdays at noon.
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Coalition for Common Ground
Days and dates t.b.d.

Crescendo Academy of Music
Occasional Sunday afternoons

Food Addicts

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo Pipe Band

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo Singers

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

KNOW

First Mondays
at 5:00 p.m.

HEALTH MINISTRY

SPINACH, ZUCCHINI, AND WALNUT PASTA

Walnuts are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, which have anti-inflammatory properties. Studies have shown that when eaten as part of a low-saturated fat and low-cholesterol diet, walnuts can reduce total and LDL "bad" cholesterol while preserving levels of HDL "good" cholesterol.

Ingredients (2 servings)

4 oz. rigatoni
1/2 tsp. olive oil
2 large zucchini, sliced
4 cups spinach, packed
1/8 tsp. salt
Ground pepper to taste
2/3 cup walnuts, chopped

Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and sauté for 1-2 minutes, until fragrant. Add zucchini and sauté until slightly golden, 3-4 minutes.
3. Turn the heat down to low, and add the drained pasta and the spinach to the skillet. Toss with the zucchini until evenly distributed and the spinach is slightly wilted.
4. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Top with the walnuts and serve.

Website source:
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
www.nyp.org/nutrition/recipes



KALAMAZOO TO JERUSALEM

Easter Sunday to Pentecost

(April 16 - June 4)

We need to collect **3,589 miles** to make our imaginary trek from Kalamazoo to Jerusalem.

**Get on your walking shoes, swim suit, or bike,
get out your cane, or walker!!!
Take your dog or your family!**

*What kind of exercise counts? **EVERYTHING!** Swimming, biking, running, walking, strolling, tai chi, yoga, walking the dog,
*** 20 minutes of any exercise = one mile!!****

Get your information packet in the Gathering Place, or on the Church Website: www.sanctuaryinthecity.org. Keep track of your exercise and submit your miles weekly by using mileage slips and placing them in the 'mileage box' in the Gathering Place, or by using our special email: fpckazootojerusalem@gmail.com

Watch the weekly church announcements for updates!

Questions? Contact Pat Farris (patfarris@gmail.com) (ph. 350-5307) or Jill Barnum (jmbarnum68@gmail.com) (ph. 330-5995)



Outreach and Community Service

RICKMAN HOUSE

Rickman House needs prizes for their monthly BINGO games. Contributions of dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, and other personal care items would be appreciated. There is a box in the church mailroom for your donations.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteers are needed for Habitat for Humanity on Saturdays in June and July. We need volunteers for construction and for food and/or lunch. Mike Boersma will start signups in the Gathering Place during May following Worship. Interested folks can contact Mike at (269) 720-1409 or mike.boersma@gmail.com.



EDISON SCHOOL

With two more months of school, the Edison School children need just about every kind of school implement—Ticonderoga pencils, glue sticks, blunt scissors, erasers, crayons, as well as healthful snacks, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizer. Please put your contributions in the box in the Narthex or in the church office. Thank you so much for helping the children in this FPC outreach project.

For information about our outreach at Edison School:

Joyce Petro
342-6817
joyce@petroclan.com

Carol Payne Smith
388-2278
paynesmith83@gmail.com

Sue Johnson
276-9218
suebird.johnson@gmail.com

Joseph Sablan
(773) 569-6243
richieandjoey@sbcglobal.net

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Moderator: Laurie Tupper

The mission of the Outreach Committee is to:

- promote faithful service both to our local community and to the wider world;
- represent a Christian presence in the community;
- reflect Christ's light through a dynamic ministry of compassion, social justice, and service; and
- kindle the vision of FPC as a light to our community and to the world.

Celebrate the Vision

Contact: Pat Stromsta

Edison School Project

Contacts: Joyce Petro
Carol Payne Smith
Sue Johnson
Joseph Sablan

Ghana Partnership

Contact: John Petro

Building Blocks of Kalamazoo

Contact: Kim Cummings

Kalamazoo Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Mike Boersma

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

Contact: Sam Clark

Ministry with Community: Food Pantry

Contact: Sam Clark

Nicaraguan Partnership

Contact: Larry Boutelle

Rickman House BINGO

Contact: Mike Boersma

United Campus Ministry at WMU

Contact: Miranda Howard

May Birthdays

1

Emily Curtis
Peg Hajek
Edward Ihling
Marilyn Walker

2

Ian Case
Edith Cooper
Estella Graziano
Peggy Warlick

3

Nicholas Agostinelli
Amber Beals
Anna Clements

4

Carole Birch
David Johnson
Christian Rey

6

Connor Bigelow

7

Margo Clouse
Claire Honeysett
Nicholas King
Eleanor Pinkham

8

Lynn Arwady
Lauren Crabb
Anna Diamond
Roland Prevost
Kenzie Ross
Lorraine
Schneidenbach

9

Ian Blair
Rowan Kortlandt
Britt McDermott

10

Anne Louise Coryell
Barb DeVries

11

Mary Elliott
Evelyn Schut

13

Mozelle Padgett
David Standish, Sr.

14

Laureen Meeker
Lila Molitor

15

Caitlin Brooks
Rob Padgett III

16

Brett Birch
Cass Hough
Elizabeth Lewis

17

Veronica Harik
Ben Tribby

18

Kendall Coon
Randy Eberts
Brett Labian

19

Sharon Dulin
William Klein

20

Samuel Beals
Thomas Becker

Janny Carrel

Brian Finch

Eva Hanka

Cecilee Jarrad

Norm McCallum

James McGruder

Sherry Sorensen

Justin Tarr

21

Linda Dalrymple

22

Ethan Feucht
Laura Ford

Nancy Hamilton

Jane Steurer

Andrew Taylor

Aaron Van Heest

23

Susan Agostinelli

Sue Grossman

Riley Highhouse

Thomas White

24

Jadyn Bradford

Lisa Diamond

Carol Eddy

Ray Wicks

25

Marysol Millar

Chris Palmer

26

Chris Bol
Kathy Campbell

Lois Elferdink

Laura Gauntlett

Timothy Hamel

Nancy Harwood

Siennah Miller

Cathy Todd

27

Karin Colvin

Mimi Cummings

Brendan Goethe

Bruce Goethe

Connie Houts

Caleb Ross

28

Clara Herson

Phil Torrence

Julie Tyler

29

Susan DeJong

Ken Freed

Sharon Mattingly

Richard Stewart

30

Jeff Barnum

James Bishop

Conner Diamond

Susan Hanselman

Amy Hirt

Jeffrey King

Gloria Landman

Molly Longman

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Kurt Droppers

Karen Jarrad

Donna Schonveld

Chérrie Venema



50-Plus Years of Membership: **MAY** —Congratulations!

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<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u># Years</u>
Kay Vermeulen	5/21/61	56
Janet Gladstone	5/23/63	54
Jo Russell	5/23/63	54
Carol Schreiner	5/24/64	53
Jean Appel	5/26/66	51
William Appel	5/26/66	51
Jan Carpenter	5/26/66	51
Mary Fischer	5/26/66	51
Constance Houts	5/26/66	51

JUNE Birthdays

1 Bruce Birkel Bridgette Bol Shirley Gerpheide Greg Macomber Thomas Owen Ruthie Tyler Harrison Willoughby	10 Diane Johnson Julia Weaver	18 Garrett Boersma Gary Brown Marten Compton Matt Goodman	23 Matthew Schreiner Dianne Shaffer Joanne Stewart Morgan Vander Veen	27 Anna Miedema Rosa VanHeest Aidan Ward Suzanne Weeldreyer Priscilla Willson
2 Sam Carrel Angie Jonas Adena Leibbrand Mark Olmsted Melanie Sherrill	11 Erin Arwady Connie Camburn Richard Coryell William Hamel Nancy Raklovits	19 Sarah Lozeau Joel Shepherd Nathaniel Weeldreyer	24 Christian Baer William Baer Barbara Baker Eric Kimm Richard Stewart	28 Sara Forsch
3 Leona Hefner Katherine Lozeau Charri Withrow	12 Dennis Engers Sylvia Jorth	20 (none)	25 Bill Birch Chris Steele	29 Amy Harik William Lee Gayle Sparks
4 Becky Chambers Elizabeth Coryell Shawn Mattingly	13 Carla Kennedy Bill Sorensen	21 Ava Coon Terrie Forsch	26 Rand Arwady Jack Schnur Colleen Sherrill	30 Phyllis Curtis Richard Raklovits
5 James Curtis Katherine Millar Maureen Willoughby	14 Phylis Mahoney Stephanie Mellis Jacalyn Todd	22 Sue Henrickson Minnie LaPoint Mark Rey		
6 Amy Coon Matthew Johnson Jeanene Lewis McKenzie Pessetti	15 Linda Bower Craig Misner			
7 Nicholas Gleaton Matthew Grupe Sandra Hintz Pete Jarrad	16 Brian Crabb Kelton Dalm Ken Kirton Leora Knickerbocker			
8 Michael Baer Whitney Hoag Ruth Morris Sally Pitt-VanBuren Alex Schmiede Emily Stuut	17 Gail Dukes Jessegrace Ford			
9 Becca Coryell Allison Diamond Christine Yankovich				



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Ann Hanselman Ihling	June 16, 1940	77
Lois Elferdink	June 16, 1955	62
Mary Lou Boughton	June 3, 1965	52
Bill Kelser	June 3, 1965	52

PASTORAL CARE AND HOSPITAL VISITATION

An important part of our ministry at First Presbyterian Church is to provide pastoral care, including hospital visits. When a church member is admitted, hospitals are no longer permitted to notify the home church. We depend on members to call the church when a family member is hospitalized or needs a pastoral call.

Pastoral care is provided by the pastors, retired ministers from the congregation, and also by the Health Ministry Coordinator. Every attempt is made to visit hospital patients on a regular basis, including weekends.

Those doing hospital calling would appreciate knowing when any member needs a visit or special attention. Please call the church office, 344-0119.

If your call is an emergency and you are unable to reach a person at this number, please call one of these staff members:

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In Memoriam

Dorothy "Dotty" Callander was born on February 8, 1920, and joined FPC on April 10, 1952. Dotty died on April 7, 2017.



Assistance for Worshippers

Hearing Assistance Devices for worship services can be requested from any usher, or you may call the church office in advance.

Copies of **Large-Print Bulletins** and Announcements are available every Sunday morning. Ask one of the ushers for a copy.

If you would like to receive **weekly e-mail updates about events** in the life of FPC, please contact Ann Johnson at 344-0119 and ask that your e-mail address be added to the list.

CD Ministry provides recordings of the Sunday morning services. Please stop in the office or call 344-0119 to place an order.

Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available at all communion services at First Presbyterian Church.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Associates

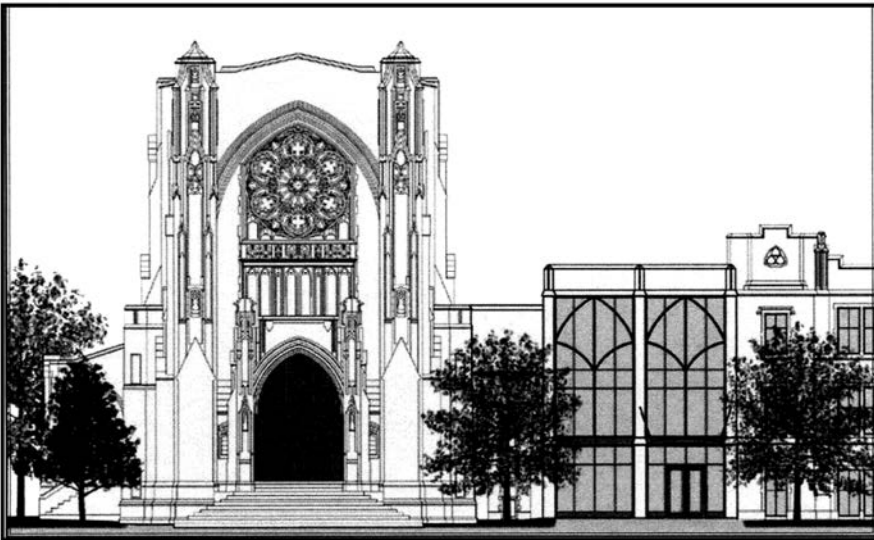
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Presbyter

Here is the schedule for the balance of the 2016-2017 program year:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for Content</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
July-August	June 19	June 28

The *Presbyter* is also available for viewing on the FPC website:
sanctuaryinthecity.org.

Many of our members receive the *Presbyter* via e-mail only, in order to help the church conserve paper and other resources. To remove your name from the "paper-mail" list, contact Ann Johnson at 344-0119 or ann.johnson@kalamazoofirstpres.org.



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FPC Presbyter / Calendar - May, 2017

PLEASE NOTE:

A schedule of community groups that meet at FPC is on page 9 of this issue of the Presbyter.

Monday/1

- 1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
- 4:00p Briner-McShane Committee
- 6:30p Deacons' meeting
- 7:00p Green P's

Tuesday/2

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/3

- 9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
- 1:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 4:30p DCLC
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/4

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 12:00p Adult Education Committee
- 5:00p FPC Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/5

- 1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off site*)

Saturday/6

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/7

- 9:00a Prayer Partners
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served today
- 10:45a [no Church School]
- 12:00p Social Media class
- 12:45p Ministry with Community
(*FPC serves the meal today*)
- 3:00p *El Camino* meeting

Monday/8

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/9

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting
- 7:00p KSO Brass Quintet

Wednesday/10

- 1:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 4:30p DCLC
- 5:00p Martha Circle (*off site*)
- 5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday
Evening Group (*off site*)
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
- 7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/11

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 11:30a Stewardship Committee
- 12:30p Finance Committee
- 6:00p Property Maintenance Committee
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/12

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/13

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/14

- 9:00a Congregational Life Committee
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:00a Christian Education Committee
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School

Monday/15

- 1:30p Hearts-to-Hands Needleworkers
- 5:30p Personnel Committee
- 6:00p Health Ministry Committee

Tuesday/16

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting
- 7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/17

- 12:00p Communications Committee
- 1:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 4:30p DCLC
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/18

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/19

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/20

- 6:00p BINGO for Rickman House
residents

Sunday/21

- 8:45a All-Church Breakfast
- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a Church School Teachers'
meeting
- 9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School
- 11:45a Reception for Rob Bradford
- 5:00p Rob's Celebration (*off site*)

Monday/22

- 7:00p Thoughtful Readers

Tuesday/23

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/24

- 1:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 4:30p DCLC
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
- 6:30p Session

Thursday/25

- 9:30a Women's Bible Study
- 11:00a FPC Librarian on site
- 11:00a DCLC
- 7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/26

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/27

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/28

- 9:00a Lectionary Study
- 9:15a Reading Aloud
- 9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal
- 10:00a Childcare
- 10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45a Church School

Monday/29—MEMORIAL DAY

The church building is closed.

Tuesday/30

- 7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
- 10:00a FPC Archivists
- 10:00a Bulletin deadline
- 1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/31

- 1:00p FPC Librarian on site
- 4:30p DCLC
- 5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
- 6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

FPC Presbyter / Calendar - June, 2017

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Thursday/1

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:00a DCLC
7:00p FPC Choir rehearsal

Friday/2

1:00p Lunch Bunch (*off site*)

Saturday/3

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/4

9:00a Prayer Partners
9:00a Lectionary Study
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:30a FPC Choir rehearsal
10:00a Childcare
10:30a Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion served today
10:45a [no Church School]
11:45a All-Church Picnic
12:45p Ministry with Community
(*FPC serves the meal today*)

Monday/5

1:00p Hearts-to-Hands Stitchers
6:30p Deacons' meeting
7:00p Green P's

Tuesday/6

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:00a Bulletin deadline
1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/7

9:00a Hearts-to-Hands Card Ministry
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:30p DCLC
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/8

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:00a DCLC
6:00p Property Maintenance Committee

Friday/9

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/10

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/11

9:00a Congregational Life Committee
9:00a Lectionary Study
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
10:00a Childcare
10:30a**Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a [no Church School]

Monday/12

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Tuesday/13

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:00a Bulletin deadline
1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/14

1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:30p DCLC
5:00p [no Martha Circle during summer]
5:30p Men's Monthly Wednesday
Evening Group (*off site*)
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
7:00p Outreach Committee

Thursday/15

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:00a DCLC
11:30a Stewardship Committee
12:30p Finance Committee

Friday/16

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/17

Youth Group Mission Trip through 6/24
6:00p BINGO for Rickman House residents

Sunday/18

9:00a Lectionary Study
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:30a Church School teachers' meeting
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
10:00a Childcare
10:30a**Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a [no Church School]

Monday/19

Presbyter deadline for articles
1:30p Hearts-to-Hands Needleworkers
5:30p Personnel Committee
6:00p Health Ministry Committee

Tuesday/20

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:00a Bulletin deadline
1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00p Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday/21

12:00p Communications Committee
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:30p DCLC
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship

Thursday/22

9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:00a DCLC

Friday/23

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Saturday/24

(no FPC activities scheduled)

Sunday/25

9:00a Lectionary Study
9:15a Reading Aloud
9:30a Summer Choir rehearsal
10:00a Childcare
10:30a**Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45a [no Church School]

Monday/26

9:00a Vacation Bible School (until 12p)
(*First Congregational Church*)
7:00p [no Thoughtful Readers today]

Tuesday/27

7:00a Presbyterian Men's Group
9:00a Vacation Bible School (until 12p)
(*First Congregational Church*)
10:00a FPC Archivists
10:00a Bulletin deadline
1:15p Weekly Staff Meeting

Wednesday/28

Presbyter folding/labeling/mailling
9:00a Vacation Bible School (until 12p)
(*First Congregational Church*)
1:00p FPC Librarian on site
4:30p DCLC
5:30p Celebrate the Vision: dinner
6:15p Celebrate the Vision: worship
6:30p Session

Thursday/29

9:00a Vacation Bible School (until 12p)
(*First Congregational Church*)
9:30a Women's Bible Study
11:00a FPC Librarian on site
11:00a DCLC

Friday/30

9:00a Vacation Bible School (until 12p)
(*First Congregational Church*)

**** PLEASE NOTE**

Beginning June 11, worship services may begin at 10:00 (instead of 10:30) for the summer. See related article on page 1 of this *Presbyter*.